FREE GIFT!*

REDAN FUN TO LEARN™

Pull-out WORK BOOK

THOMAS

THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

Compatible with the NATIONAL CURRICULUM

Every fortnight
No. 220 £1.30

9 770957 827074 20

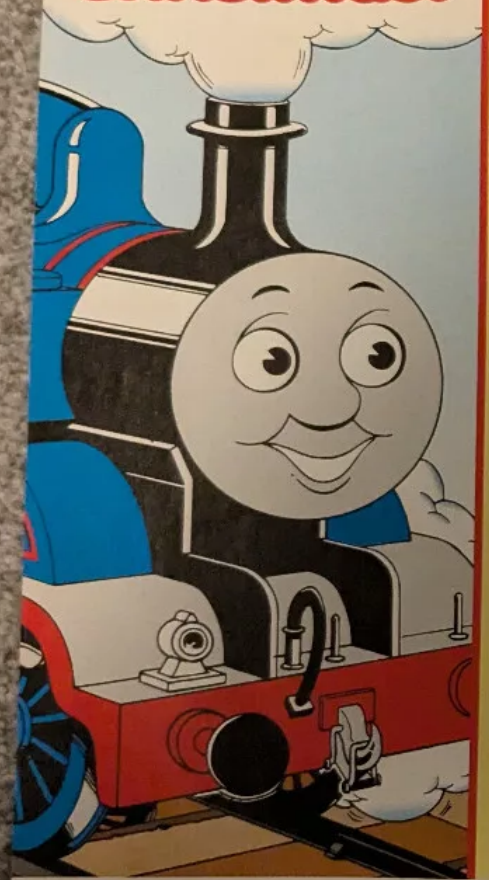
* GIFT WARNING: Use only under adult supervision. Do **not** apply to skin. Please retain this information for future reference. Gift may not be available on overseas copies.

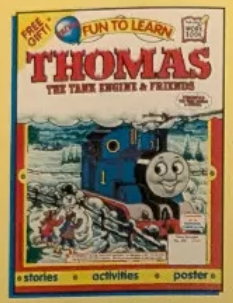
© Britt Allcroft (Thomas) LLC 1999

stories • activities • poster

This issue is all about...

Christmas!





In this issue...

- **DIESEL'S TRICK** *listening to a story*
- **COUNTING TIME** *counting/drawing*
- **MATCH AND COLOUR** *a splendid matching activity*
- **PUFFING ALONG** *a cut out and stick picture*
- **SNOW SHAPES** *match up the snowy shapes*
- **POSTER** *a special poster from the television series*
- **PULL-OUT WORKBOOK** *a special chance for you to match, count, colour, draw, connect, read, follow and check*
- **PUFF! PUFF! PAGE** *your pictures*
- **TRAINS IN OUR TIME** *looking at real trains*
- **PERCY** *a special story all about Percy*
- **PEEP! PEEP!** *prize photograph*
- **MAKE A WORD** *a great make a word activity*
- **DIESEL AND EDWARD'S MAZE** *a splendid maze for you*
- **GOODBYE** *farewell from the Fat Controller*

Fun to Learn™ THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE AND FRIENDS is published fortnightly in the **FUN TO LEARN™** series by **THE REDAN COMPANY LTD.** Ramillies Building, 1/4 Hills Place, London W1R 1AG. Britt Allcroft's Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends is based on The Railway Series by The Rev W Awdry. © Britt Allcroft (Thomas) LLC 1998. Sublicensed by arrangement with Egmont Children's Books Limited, London. Photographs © Britt Allcroft (Thomas) Limited 1998. **THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS** is a trademark of Britt Allcroft Inc in the USA, Mexico and Canada, and of Britt Allcroft (Thomas) Ltd in the rest of the world. **THE BRITT ALLCROFT COMPANY** is a trademark of The Britt Allcroft Company plc. **FUN TO LEARN** is a trademark of The Redan Company Ltd. Printed in the UK. Distributed by COMAG ☎ 01895 444055. Bulk copy rates to schools and other institutions available on request, in writing. For advertising, contact Sarah Warden on 0171 434 1612.

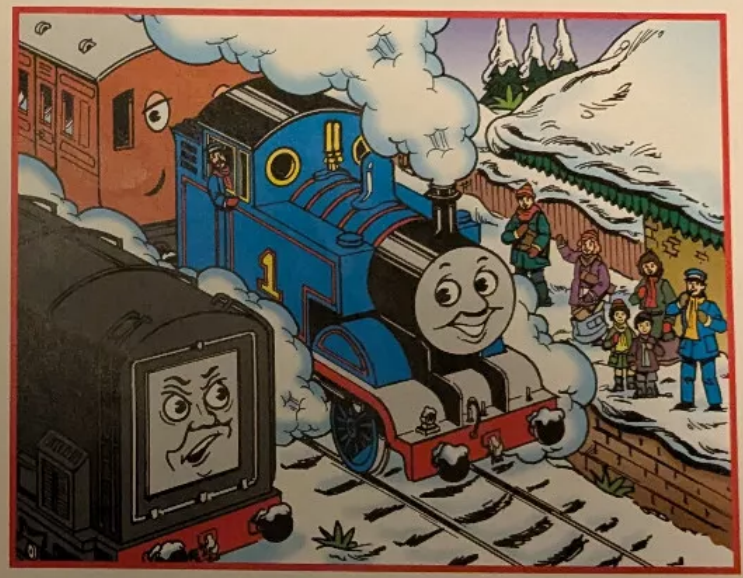
THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS™

ABC CONSUMER PRESS

Britt™ THE BRITT ALLCROFT COMPANY

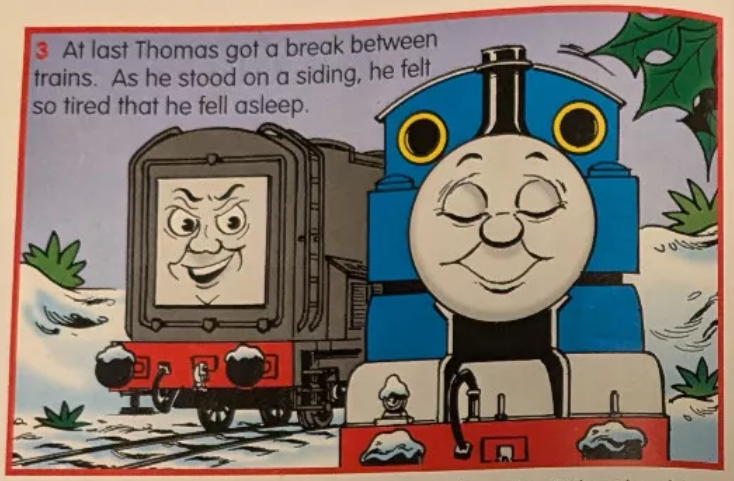
A read aloud story

DIESEL'S TRICK



1 It was nearly Christmas and all the engines were working very hard. Thomas the Tank Engine had been up and down his branch line with extra trains for all the passengers who needed to get to the shops. His coaches, Annie and Clarabel, had been full of people with lots of presents and food.

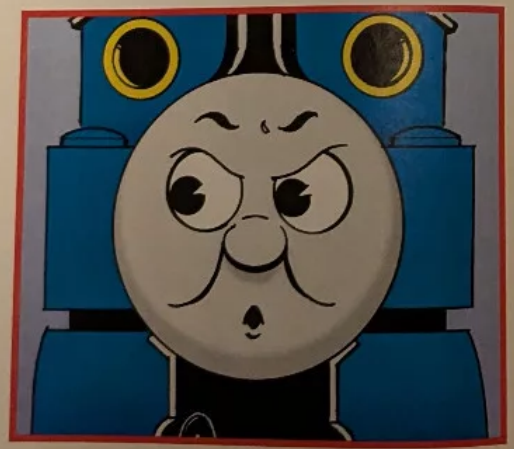
2 The other engines had extra trains too. They were all too busy to complain about their work, except Diesel, who said, "Bother Christmas! All the passengers have a nice time but I have extra work getting their coaches ready."



3 At last Thomas got a break between trains. As he stood on a siding, he felt so tired that he fell asleep.

4 Diesel saw him having his nap and thought, "Why should Thomas sleep while I have to shunt trucks?" He slid up alongside Thomas and sounded his horn. Thomas woke with a start. Diesel gave an oily chuckle and slid away.

5 "That rotten Diesel," said Thomas. "He woke me up on purpose." "It's nearly time for your next train," said his driver. "I was about to wake you up anyway." But Thomas was cross. He wanted to pay Diesel back.

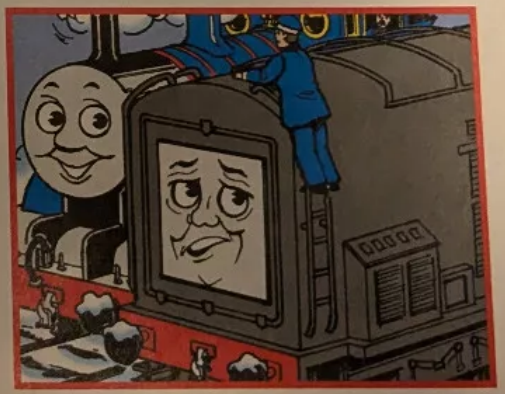


6 The next day, Thomas saw Diesel trying to move some old trucks in the yard. The trucks were being naughty and Diesel was having to work hard. Thomas quietly puffed up behind him and blew his whistle very hard.

"Peeep!"

7 Diesel jumped. He bumped the trucks by mistake and made them more cross. Then he tried to sound his horn but it did not work.

8 Diesel's driver climbed up to look at the horn. "Some water has got in and frozen. It's ruined your horn, Diesel." Thomas laughed. "I don't expect we'll hear much from you this Christmas, Diesel," he said and puffed happily away.



Find out what happens to Diesel in issue 221!

COUNTING TIME

The Fat Controller's trucks carry lots of presents at Christmas time. Here are some for you to count.

books

footballs

flying disks

dolls

jigsaws

teddies

paint brushes

Phew! What a lot of presents!

How many are green?

How many are red?

How many altogether?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

MATCH AND COLOUR

Draw lines to join each guard's wrapping paper to his matching present.
Then colour the presents, matching the colours.

Bob

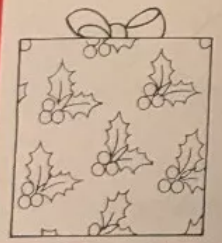
Jim

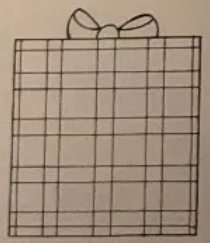
Sally

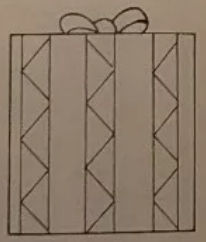
Mick

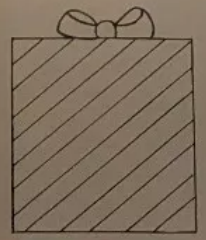
Len

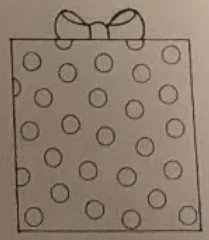
Polly











PUFFING ALONG

Colour the pictures below, then choose which scene you would like your passengers to look at. Stick it in place.

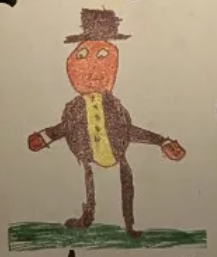
Bertie the Bus!

Cameron Bathgate, 4, *Edinburgh.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

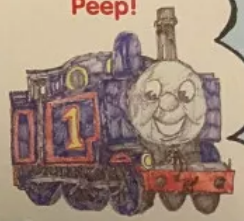
Isabel Osborn, 1; Rachel Grewcock, 4; Geraint Downing, 2; Sam Humpreys, 8; Adam Hutchinson, 7; Mathew Holland, 4; Luke Suban, 5; Thomas Sireci, 6; James Sireci, 6; Luke Hardwick, 5; Anthony Moss, 6; Thomas Millett, 3; Joshua Warrent, 3; Mathew Taylor, 6; Henry Freestone, 6; Charlie Dixon, 5; Matthew Crossland, 5 and Jamie Hands. **Belated wishes go to:** Adam Rann, 3; Adam Seeley, 5; James W Kerridge, 4 and Michael Suban, 33!

Good Morning!



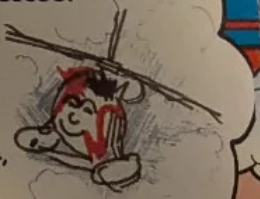
Gregory Hill, 6, *Crewe.*

Peep! Peep!



Sabriye Wallis, 8, *Dartington.*

Harold to the Rescue!



Thomas Peacock, 4, *Northants.*

THE THOMAS CLUB

The sender of every picture printed receives a £10 voucher to spend on the items of their choice from The Official Thomas Catalogue.

Packed full of Thomas goodies, the catalogue is **THE** one-stop-shop for Thomas Fans. For your copy, call **The Thomas Club** on **01403 242727**

This picture looks like a scene from a Christmas card. This engine is a *Jumbo* and is pulling a train load of sand over a frozen river in Finland. **Point to the icy river.**

THE OFFICIAL THOMAS CATALOGUE OVER 200 ITEMS AVAILABLE

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

Britt

THE BRITT ALLCROFT COMPANY

Set of three Thomas towels (Face towel, hand towel and bath towel). £14.99 TT64

Wash bag. £3.95 TT84

Face cloth. £1.50 TT63

Wooden Thomas toy box! (60w x 38d x37h cm). £39.95 TT103

Colourful Thomas rug! (68x100cm). £19.95 TT132

Thomas playmat (98x65cm). £19.99 TT31

Offer of the Month!

SAVE £6 on this fantastic Thomas bean bag. ~~£25.95~~ £19.95 TT316

Superb free standing Thomas clock (requires 1x1.5 volt battery not included) £19.99 TT99

ERTL

We stock all Ertl die cast models. Call for details.

Station Playhouse Track - station house, platform, 13 track pieces, 4 signals, 2 traffic lights (vehicles & figures not included). £24.99 TT182.

Thomas wallet £2.99 TT82

Burn bag. £3.95 TT83

Lightweight suitcase (folds flat). £9.99 TT85

Robell - the home of official character fan clubs and gift catalogues

First choice for Thomas Gifts!

Official! The ONLY official Catalogue!

Top quality, genuine merchandise guaranteed!

One Stop Shopping! Virtually every available product stocked! Full catalogue sent with order for only 01403 274180

Total Satisfaction! No quibble 14 day money back guarantee for peace of mind

Speedy Service! Quick, efficient service with a smile 24 hour service available

Free Advice! Extensive product knowledge from the people who use the Thomas CTAL

Robell

FREE

With every order! A full colour Thomas poster and two Thomas Tokens!

Credit card orders/queries 01403 242727

The Thomas Catalogue, PO Box 112, Horsham RH13 5FJ

info@robellclubs.co.uk

To be completed by an adult. Please list the code and price of each item you wish to order. See left for how to place your order.

Code	Price	Qty	Total £
		Post and packing:	£1.50
		Total amount due:	

❑ I enclose a cheque/postal order payable to: The Thomas Catalogue

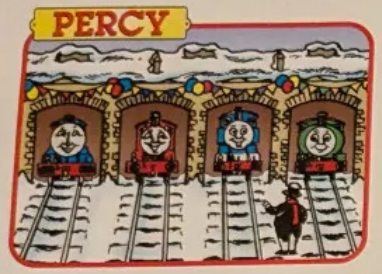
❑ Please debit my MasterCard/Visa card number: Expires: /

Title ____ Initial ____ Surname ____

Address ____

Postcode ____ Phone ____

If you do not want to receive other offers from us or selected companies, please tick this box ❑ PCMA



Christmas was coming on the Island of Sodor!

Thomas the Tank Engine was pulling the Santa Special.

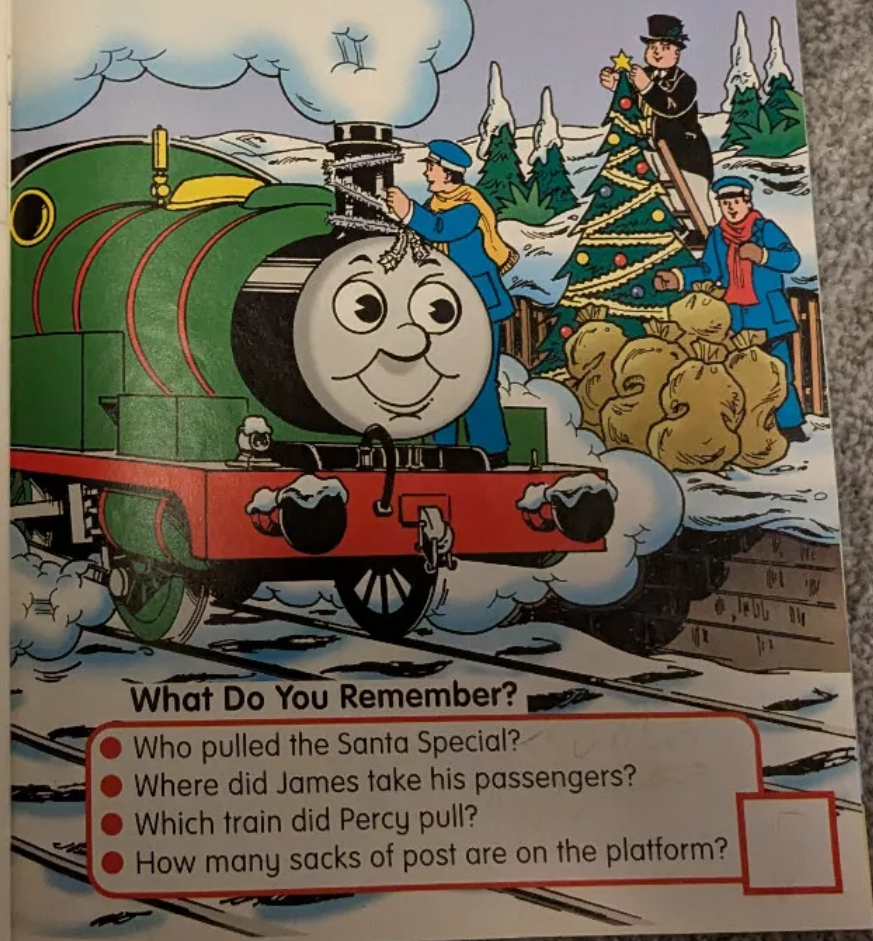
James had extra trains to take the Christmas shoppers to town.

And Gordon was taking people to the Main Station for carol singing.

Percy felt sad. He was only pulling the mail train. It did not seem very festive.

But, when Percy got to the station, everyone cheered! "Hooray!"

"Here's the train with all the Christmas cards and parcels!" shouted a guard. Percy had pulled the Christmas train that everyone had been waiting for!



What Do You Remember?

- Who pulled the Santa Special?
- Where did James take his passengers?
- Which train did Percy pull?
- How many sacks of post are on the platform?

PEEP! PEEP!

New Engine Giveaway

Win one of these great new engines from

BRIO

6 lucky readers will have the chance to win either a Battery Operated Thomas the Tank Engine, a new collectable Sir Handel or a new collectable Duncan.

HOW TO ENTER

Send postcards only please, to: *Thomas Peep Peep Giveaway 220, The Redan Company Ltd, Ramillies Building, 1/9 Hills Place, London W1R 1AG.*

PRIZE PHOTO

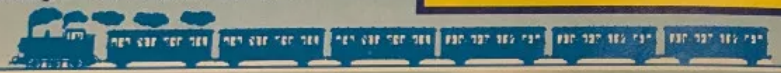
This cheerful chap is Thomas Saddler aged 2 from Broughton. Thomas wins this splendid battery powered Thomas the Tank Engine.

(Batteries not included)

This is the first ever battery powered Thomas the Tank Engine with working headlights. Flick a switch and Thomas will go forwards or backwards on any BRIO Wooden Railway System.

BRIO

BRIO products are available from all good toy shops.



CHARACTER WAREHOUSE

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

NEW ERTL DIECAST MODELS

Station Playtrack £24.99 TH06009
Turntable Playset £29.99 TH06010
Branchline Playtrack £14.99 TH06007
(all of the above not illustrated)

BiPlane £4.49 TH06079
Fire Engine £4.49 TH06077
Derek The Diesel £4.99 TH06078
Lorry 2 £4.49 TH06080
Lorry 3 £4.49 TH06081
Iron Arry £4.49 TH06082
Iron Bert £4.49 TH06083

Designs and Colours may vary
Goods subject to availability

SHOPPING BY POST: When sending in your Order, please add £1.50 for Postage and Packing for Orders up to £15.00 and £2.50 for Orders over £15.00 (Mainland only) and make Cheques/Postal Orders payable to 'Character Warehouse Ltd'. For Overseas Orders please contact us for a quotation on carriage.

Character Warehouse - Business Park - Uckfield Road - Lyne Regis
Dorset - DT7 3LS - Telephone: 01297 443555 Fax: 01297 443556

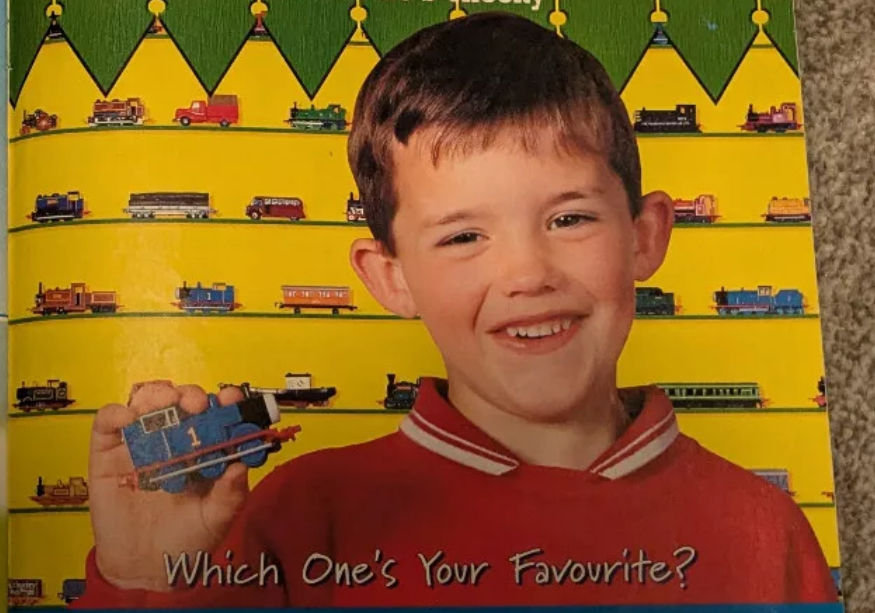
>> EXPRESS DELIVERY NOW AVAILABLE AT 4.99 >>>

CREDIT CARD ORDER LINE: 01297 443322

www.character-warehouse.com

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

"My Favourite Thomas Toy is THOMAS Because he's cheeky"



Which One's Your Favourite?

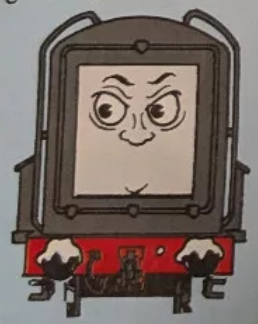
ERTL

AVAILABLE FROM ALL GOOD TOY STORES

Britt

DIESEL AND EDWARD

With your finger or a pencil, show Diesel and Edward their paths through the snow.



Put a cross ✗ by the engine with the shorter path.

Give each engine a big smile.

FUN TO LEARN

GOODBYE

Our next issue is all about Christmas

WITH A FREE GIFT

Issue 221 is on sale 2nd December 1999

FUN TO LEARN

THOMAS

THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS